U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Washington D.C.

Administrator Meeting with the Ambassador of Japan

DATE: Wednesday, April 4, 2018

TIME: 10:45 AM

LOCATION: EPA Administrator's Office

I. Purpose

- · Meet with the newly appointed Japanese Ambassador, Shinsuke Sugiyama.
- Congratulate and welcome new Ambassador.
- Discuss continued interest in enhancing existing and new areas of bilateral cooperation and visiting Japan.

II. Key Asks or Messages

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

III. Participants

Embassy of Japan

- Ambassador Shinsuke Sugiyama
- Mr. Kenichi Kobayashi, Economic Minister, Embassy of Japan
- Ms. Rieko Suzuki, First Secretary (Environment), Embassy of Japan

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- Sarah Greenwalt, Senior Advisor, Office of the Administrator
- Jane Nishida, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, OITA

IV. Background

You will meet with the new Ambassador of Japan, Shinsuke Sugiyama. He was recently appointed Ambassador and moved to Washington, replacing outgoing Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae who had held the post for over five years. You hosted Ambassador Sasae for a meeting in February.

Ambassador Sugiyama most recently served as Japan's Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, the highest-ranking career official in that Ministry. He recently arrived in Washington, assuming his new post in late March. His request to quickly meet with you signals his and Japan's strong commitment to their relationship with the United States and EPA.

As reported by The Japan Times in December, "Sugiyama is expected to maintain good communications with key personnel in the administration of President Donald Trump, as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe places importance on strengthening the U.S.-Japan alliance, [government] sources said."

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process

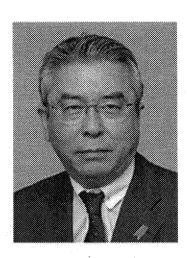
V. Attachments

- Suggested Talking Points
- Ambassador Sugiyama Bio
- Drafted 2018 Joint Statement between EPA and MOEJ
- EPA Cooperation with Japan

Administrator's Suggested Talking Points						
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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States of America

Shinsuke J. SUGIYAMA



1977	Entered Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
1992	Director for Economic SUMMIT, Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFA
1993	Private Secretary to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, MOFA
1995	Director of United Nations Policy Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, MOFA
1998	Director of Treaties Division, Treaties Bureau, MOFA
2000	Minister (Political), Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Korea
2004	Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of Japan in the Arab Republic of Egypt
2005	Deputy Director-General for Middle East, Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau, MOFA
2006	concurrently Deputy Director-General, International Cooperation Bureau
2008	Ambassador, Director-General for Global Issues
2011	Director-General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, MOFA
2013	Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, MOFA
2016	Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, MOFA
2018	Advisor to MOFA
2018	Current Position

